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Newsletter April 2023

Next meeting – April 25, 2023 - 6pm CST, social time at 5:30 pm CST

– Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL 61761 & Zoom

President's notes:

Hello Modern Quilters! This newsletter is later than usual – we were hoping to have a ton more information for you on the September BNMQG Retreat! We are finalizing details, but just not quite able to share all of the info yet. We will be at the Holiday Inn and Suites out by the airport again this year. **Mark your calendars for September 15th – 18th.**

Our April meeting will be a panel discussion about Block of the Month, Sew Alongs and 100 day projects. Our moderators will be Paula M. and Pam R. This is our first time doing a panel discussion since we have been doing dual meetings – we will do our best for our zoom attendees, but this may be a meeting that is best in person.

Please bring your quilts to be included in the BNMQG Modern Showcase (April 28th and 29th) at the Hands All Around Quilt Show to our April Meeting.

Show and Tell

Please bring your show and tell – we love to see what everyone has been working on! If your project is not available to be at the meeting or you are attending via Zoom you can upload a photo to the FaceBook Album for April Show and Tell, or simply hold up your project to share.

Nominating Committee

We have a Nominating Committee! Thanks Carol Lou E., Stormy H. and Ann U. If you haven't already contacted a board member with your interest in a position on the 23-24 BNMQG Board, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

We have the following positions available – President, Vice President and Treasurer. If interested in a position, please read the Duties and Responsibilities document on the [Member's Area](#) of the website. Also feel free to contact the current person in that position with any questions.

The more hands we have working behind the scenes, the more fun events we can continue to do as a guild.



Current Signups

All current sign ups are linked on the [Member's area](#) of our website – it is password protected. If you are a new member, the password was included in the welcome email. If you are a returning member, the password was emailed out on November 1st. If you can't find it, please ask a board member at a meeting or contact BNMQGPresident@gmail.com.

Sign Ups that are currently available include the Destash Sale, Helping at the Modern Showcase, Hospitality and more!



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Modern Showcase at Hands All Around Quilt Show

We are happy to be having our Modern Showcase at the Hands All Around Quilt Show **April 28th and 29th**. This is a wonderful collaboration between the two quilt guilds. Not only will we need your quilts to display, but we will need helpers at the show for setup and helping answer questions of quilt show attendees.

We have setup a [Signup genius](#) to make it easy for everyone to pick a timeslot that is convenient for them. BNMQG volunteers will get into the Quilt Show for free. Please thank the Hands All Around Quilt Guild members for their hospitality. Quilts will be collected at the BNMQG April meeting.



Community Outreach

We currently have 4 quilts that need a quilt backing and have long arm quilters willing to quilt them. If you have fabric that could be used for a quilt backing that you are willing to donate, please bring to the April meeting.

So far, **39** quilts have been delivered to the [Illinois CancerCare](#), **3** completed quilt tops on hand, **3** tops need to be quilted, **2** more are ready to be bound, **3** are at the volunteer quilters, all from the **420** blocks made by members.

Many people took blocks or quilt tops home from previous meetings, so hoping to see more quilt tops or completed quilts by the January meeting.

If you have blocks or tops, could you please text or email Pat S? We are trying to figure out if we need more backing fabric or batting. Pat's contact info is in the [Member's Page](#).

Pat S. is happy to arrange a meeting - this is true for dropping off completed blocks, quilts or quilt tops. We also still have some blocks for those interested in making quilt tops.

We are happy to take donations of leftover fabric to add to quilt tops for negative space with the blocks. We will also accept donations of batting and backing fabric.

There will be a separate prize drawing for those that put together a quilt top out of the blocks, quilt a quilt top or bind a completed top. If you do all 3 things, you will get your name in the drawing 3 times!





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Destash Sale



It's not too late to sign up! We have set up a [Sign Up Genius](#) so that we know how many tables to set up before everyone arrives. Please sign up by Monday and give a guestimate on how much room you will need.

Items can be anything sewing related: fabric, kits, patterns, books, tools, templates, etc, but no magazines please. We will have a future opportunity for magazines.

Items are a donation to BNMQG and the proceeds support guild programs such as speakers, community outreach, and hands on activities.

Doors will open at 4:15 for the dropping off of donated items and getting them setup on the tables – tables will be marked with your name based on the amount of space you requested on [Sign Up Genius](#).

Community Outreach Raffle Tickets

The Raffle tickets for our Community Outreach Quilt "Into the Light" will be available at each meeting for members to purchase or check out to sell. We are working on some events to sell tickets to the public.

Our first event is at the Sewing Studio in Hudson, IL on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday April 23. Stop by and bring your friends! It will be hanging in the classroom where tickets will be available!

BNMQG members - If you need more tickets to sell, you can get more at our monthly meetings - April - July! Remember, the person who sells the winning ticket is also going to be a winner too!

For those who live out of town and can't make arrangements for a meet up or a friend to pick up at our next meeting, please email BNMQGPresident@gmail.com with how many tickets you need (in sets of 4) and your mailing address. A check for the sold tickets with the completed stubs and any unsold tickets should be returned in one envelope.

BNMQG Quilt Raffle
"Into the Light" - 64" x 82"
Drawing: August 22, 2023
Tickets - \$5 each
Proceeds go to the Midwest Food Bank and MQG Charities
License#: R23-042-A





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VP Corner with Pat Silva

This month's original member of the BNMQG is Pam Laws. She started sewing at the age of nine with the help of her grandmother who sewed on a Wilcox/Gibbs chain stitcher, which Pam still owns today. Pam dabbled in sewing but it wasn't until her home economics class in high school she really became interested. She would spend every spare moment in the classroom sewing as much as she could. She made dresses for herself, her 2 daughters and even a 3-piece suit for her husband.

Upon moving to Bloomington, about 25 years ago, she was looking for something to do and with the help of 2 new friends, Tammy and Tessie who turned her on to quilting. She joined the HAAQG which was meeting in a church downtown at the time. She became a member of the BNMQG upon the encouragement of Betty Woodruff and Connie Borth.

Pam still makes quilts in her sewing room and spends time with the sewing group at St. Mathew's Episcopal Church where they work on donations for numerous charities. She has been joining us via zoom most of this year and remains a loyal member of our guild. I look forward to meeting her in person when she returns.

Block Lotto

We are looking to revamp our Block Lotto program to possibly involve Community Outreach, due to the high participation in our 10th Anniversary blocks, but we are considering doing something other than improv log cabin blocks. If you have ideas, or want to lead the new effort, please talk to a board member.

Mattoon Art Council Outdoor Show - June 10th

We have been honored to be invited again to participate in the [Mattoon Art Council's Outdoor show](#) on June 10th. This has been a wonderful event for the last few years and is a great way to bring awareness to the art of modern quilting. Sometimes it is the first time people have seen modern quilting – they don't even know such a wonderful art form exists. We will need your mini quilts (and you can enter one additional quilt) and will do a viewer's choice award. Lytle Park is a great park if you want to bring kids!





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Upcoming Events

May Meeting - Laurie S. will give a talk on the basics of bag making along with a trunk show of bags. Laurie will also be gathering information on which bag pattern to use for a bag workshop on July 8th. More details to come!

June 10th - Vickie A. will be leading 2 dyeing workshops. More details to come!

June Meeting - We will have a social night with games and a potluck. Our slate of officers for the 2023-24 BNMQG Board will be announced.

July Meeting - Christmas in July Hands on stations

August Meeting - Linda L. will give a talk on Collage Quilts. She will also be leading a workshop on September 9th. More details to come!

Decatur Art Exhibit - August 2023

BNMQG has been invited to have a show of modern quilts from August 4 – 24, 2023. We have provided the submitted quilt pictures to the Decatur Area Arts Council. We will let you know as soon as we know which quilts were chosen to hang in the show.

There will be a reception on August 4, 2023. All guild members are invited to the art gallery and as we get closer to the opening of the show, there will be a sign up for this reception.

The gallery space is wonderful – can't wait to see all of the BNMQG quilts hanging!

DECATUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL
ANNE LLOYD GALLERY
125 NORTH WATER STREET
DECATUR, IL 62526



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QuiltCon 2024
February 22-25, 2024
Raleigh, North Carolina

QuiltCon 2025
Location announced -
Phoenix, Arizona



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Tech communications

Zoom – Check your emails 1-2 days before our meetings or workshops to find your Zoom invites. Sometimes there is important information in the email and/or attachments for you to access/print. So read your email for this information.

BNMQG Calendar – Did you know that you can link the BNMQG calendar with your Google Calendar on your computer, phone, or tablet? Guild info can be found there as well as QuiltCon and quilt show info. Take advantage of this great benefit for BNMQG members!

Website/Blog – <https://bnmqg.org> Find our recaps, previews of meetings, purchase workshop tickets, newsletters, and more on our website. The password for the Member's only page is only available to members whose dues are paid. Contact Lisa B. if you need help - l.baermann@comcast.net

In the member area, please check the list of members and double check that your contact info is correct. If you need to correct or complete your information, please send an email to: BNMQG@hotmail.com and put **Attn Noemi** in the subject area. Thanks.

For your BNMQG Calendar

April 25th – BNMQG meeting – Panel Discussion, moderators Pam R and Paula M.

April 28th & 29th – BNMQG Modern Showcase at Hands All Around Quilt Show – Interstate Center, Bloomington

May 23rd – BNMQG meeting with Laurie S. - Basics of Bag making and Trunk Show

June 10th – BNMQG Dyeing workshop with Vickie A.

June 27th – BNMQG social night with games and potluck– 2023-24 slate of officers announced

July 8th – Bag workshop with Laurie S.

July 25th – BNMQG meeting – Christmas in July Hands on Activities

August 4th – Decatur Art Gallery Reception

August 22nd – BNMQG meeting with Linda L. Collage Quilts, BNMQG Anniversary

2022-23 Quilt Show Info/Calendar

April 28-29 – Hands All Around Quilt Show and our Modern Quilt Showcase



Have you joined BNMQG on Facebook? The BNMQG is a private GROUP just for our current members. It was started in 2019 – 2020 as a private group for BNMWQ members. If you're not already a member of this group, use this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BNMQG/>.

1. Request to join the group,
2. answer two questions, and
3. you'll be approved to become a member of this page.

You will be able to post info and questions, share photos, download files, newsletters, registration forms, workshop instructions, renewal forms, etc. This was not possible on our Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild (PAGE).

Our Bloomington Normal Modern Quilt Guild Facebook page is a public page and used to promote modern quilting and guild activities - <https://www.facebook.com/Bloomington-Normal-Modern-Quilt-Guild-469886799702183/>



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Are you on Instagram? Follow our guild **@BNMQG** and as you post your modern quilting photos, please use the hashtags **#BNMQG** and **#BNMQGquilts** and **#bnmqgmodernmystery2022**.



BNMQG is now on **Pinterest**
 - <https://www.pinterest.com/bnmquiltguild/>



Signup Genius – we use this for a lot of things for BNMQG. Current sign-ups are listed on the Member page on our [website](#).

Guild Contacts:

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Chairs

Block Lotto and Fabric Raffle – **Your name could be here!**
Please volunteer!
Community Outreach – Pat Silva and **Your name could be here!**
Please volunteer!
Fabric Raffle Sales – Pam Laws
Hospitality – Mary Rose Hill and Donna Phillips
Library – Valerie Schaeffer
Membership – Noemi Bowers
MQG Liaison – Betty Woodruff
2023 Retreat Co-Chairs – Nancy Powell and Noemi Bowers

Nominating Committee 22-23 – Leslie Swearinger and Stormy Helton **Your name could be here!**
Please volunteer!
Photographer – Maria Conrad, Lynn Harris and friends **Your name could be here! Please volunteer!**
Programs – Nancy Powell
Social Media – Nancy Powell & Betty Woodruff
Survey board and door prize – Danna Boore
Webmaster – Lisa Baermann
Zoom expert – Lisa Baermann